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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING & SITE VISIT

**WALNUT CREEK ENERGY PARK
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
DOCKET NO. 05-AFC-2**

The California Energy Commission is the State agency granted exclusive authority to review and license proposals to construct and operate large electric power plants. Walnut Creek Energy, LLC (WCE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy (EME), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a 500 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, the Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP), in the City of Industry. A Committee of the Commission will begin the regulatory review process by conducting a Public Informational Hearing and Site Visit as described below:

Purpose of Hearing:

The Informational Hearing and Site Visit are the initial steps of the Commission's public power plant certification process, which contains requirements equivalent to those under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to review all relevant environmental and engineering aspects of the proposed project.

At the Informational Hearing, members of the general public, landowners, and representatives of other governmental agencies will have an opportunity to obtain information and offer comments on the proposal. The Applicant will explain its plans for developing the proposed site and related facilities. The Energy Commission staff will explain the regulatory review process and staff's role as independent experts in analyzing the project. The Applicant and the staff will also discuss possible issues that may be significant during the remainder of the proceeding.

Site Visit Date & Place:

The Informational Hearing will be preceded by a tour of the proposed site. Persons intending to attend the Site Visit should gather at the City Hall parking lot at 1:00 p.m. The Applicant will provide bus transportation.

**February 28, 2006
Beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

**City of Industry, City Hall
15651 East Stafford Street
City of Industry, CA 91744**

**Reservations Required:
(by February 24, 2006)**

Persons planning to attend the Site Visit should make a reservation for bus transportation with the Commission's Public Adviser at 916-654-4489 or toll free at 800-822-6228 or via e-mail [pao@energy.state.ca.us] no later than Friday, February 24, 2006.

**Informational Hearing
Date & Place:**

**February 28, 2006
Beginning at 2:30 p.m.**

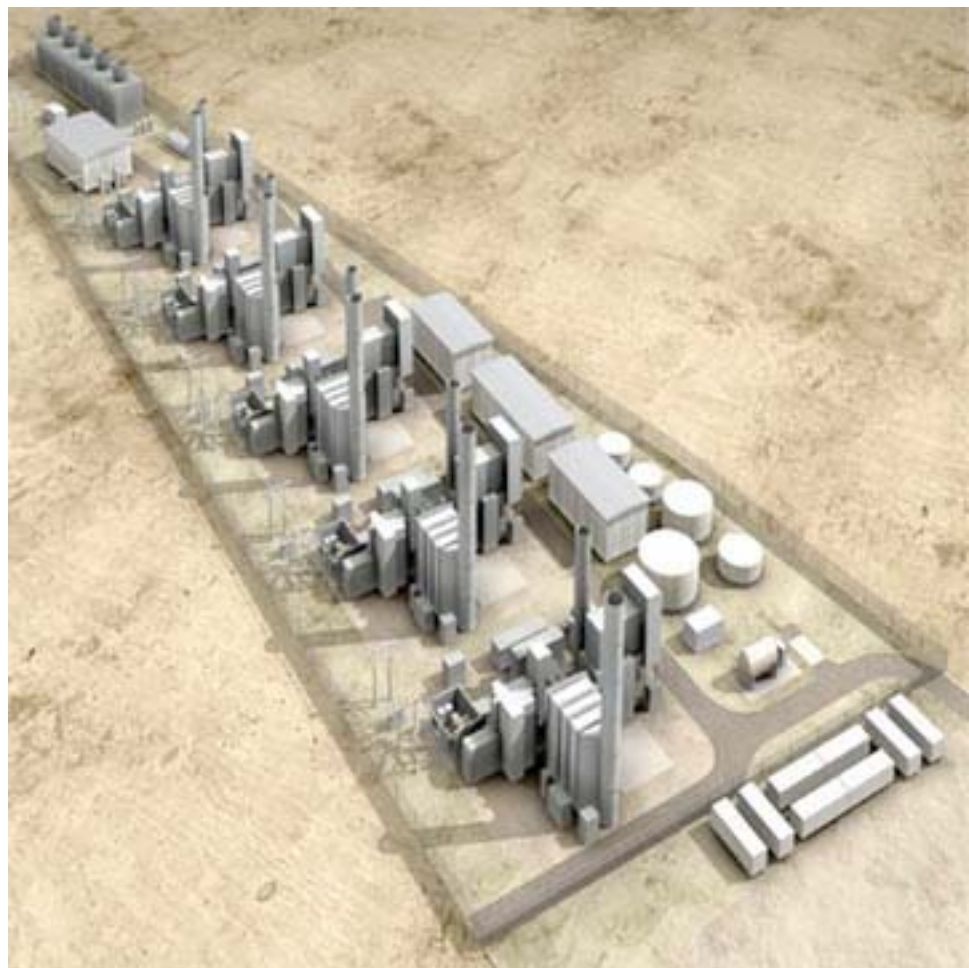
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Project Description:

On November 22, 2005, Walnut Creek Energy, LLC (WCE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Edison Mission Energy (EME), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to construct and operate a nominal 500 megawatt (MW) simple-cycle power plant, the Walnut Creek Energy Park (WCEP), in the City of Industry.

The proposed WCEP site is located at 911 Bixby Drive in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County, in an area zoned for industrial uses. The project site is an 11.48-acre parcel currently owned by the Industry Urban Development Agency (Development Agency). A large, commercial distribution warehouse currently occupies the parcel. The Development Agency has designated the parcel for redevelopment and intends to demolish the warehouse in the near future. EME has entered into a lease option agreement for the project site. The lease option will be assigned to and exercised by WCE, which will take possession of the site from the Development Agency after the warehouse has been demolished. The City of Industry is in the process of reviewing a Negative Declaration, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the demolition.



The proposed generating facility would consist of five General Electric LMS100 natural gas-fired turbine-generators and associated equipment. The WCEP is

designed as a peaking facility to meet electric generation load during periods of high demand, which generally occur during daytime hours, and more frequently during the summer than other portions of the year. The project is expected to have an annual capacity factor of approximately 20 to 40 percent, depending on weather-related customer demand, load growth, hydroelectric supplies, generating unit retirements and replacements, the level of generating unit and transmission outages, and other factors.

The WCEP would use reclaimed water for cooling and other power plant processes and for site landscape irrigation. The Rowland Water District would supply, on average, approximately 827 acre-feet per year of reclaimed water for the project from the San Jose Creek Wastewater Reclamation Plant. This water would be supplied to the WCEP site via an approximately 30-foot-long pipeline connection to an existing reclaimed water pipeline at the corner of Bixby Drive and Chestnut Street. Potable water for drinking and sanitary uses would be provided through a 30-foot-long pipeline connection to a Rowland Water District water main in Bixby Drive, immediately adjacent to the project site. Sanitary wastewater would be discharged to a Los Angeles County Sanitation District trunk sewer line that runs in a utility easement within the project site. Process wastewater would also be discharged to this sanitary sewer line through a connecting pipeline to the trunk sewer line.

The WCEP would be connected to Southern California Edison's (SCE) electrical system at the existing Walnut Substation, which is located approximately 250 feet south of the project site. This connection would require 600 feet of 230-kilovolt transmission line and two transmission towers to be located adjacent to the substation within SCE's transmission line corridor.

Natural gas would be supplied to the WCEP via a pipeline connection to a Southern California Gas Company high-pressure gas pipeline that runs in a utility easement within the WCEP parcel.

If the WCEP receives a license from the Energy Commission by January 2007, construction of the project would start in spring 2007, and full-scale commercial operation could begin by August 2008.

More Information:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek]

In order to assist participants in understanding the project, the Commission Staff will prepare and file by February 21, 2006, an **Issue Identification Report** summarizing the potential major issues in the proceeding. Copies of this document may be obtained by calling the Commission's Project Manager, or through the Commission's Web Site at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek]

The environmental and engineering details of the proposed project are contained in the Application for Certification (AFC). Copies of the AFC are available at the Hacienda Heights Public Library, 16010 La Monde Street Hacienda Heights, CA, La Puente Public Library, 15920 East Central Avenue, La Puente, CA, Sunkist-La Puente Public Library, 840 North Puente Avenue, La Puente, CA, Rowland Heights Public Library, 1850 Nogales Street, Rowland Heights, CA.

Public Participation:

800-822-6228
(toll free in California)

Members of the public may participate in all phases of the licensing process in a variety of ways. If you need information concerning public participation, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at 916-654-4489

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or, toll free in California, at 800-822-6228, or by e-mail at: [\[pao@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, notices and other relevant documents are available on the Commission's Web Site at:

[\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/walnutcreek)

**Special
Accommodation:**

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in the Informational Hearing and/or Site Visit, please contact Lou Quiroz at least five (5) days before the hearing at 916-654-5146 or email at: [\[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us)

Contacts:

Technical questions concerning the project should be addressed to the Energy Commission Staff's Project Manager, Eric Knight, at 916-653-1850 or e-mail: [\[eknight@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:eknight@energy.state.ca.us)

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Garret Shean, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or e-mail at: [\[gshean@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:gshean@energy.state.ca.us)

Media inquiries should be directed to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications, at 916-654-4989 or by e-mail at: [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.gov\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.gov)

Dated: February 7, 2006

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